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Leveraging Spares in a Data
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Plurality of Disk Drives

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
APRIL 27, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of April 27, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.